GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
LOK SABHA

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STREET VENDORS
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of street vendors operating in metro and other big cities;

(b) the details of the recommendations made by Arjun Sengupta Committee in respect of vendors in unorganised sector;

(c) whether the Government proposes to enact a model law to allow street vending through a regulatory system in urban areas to save them from harassment caused by law enforcing agencies and permit them to set up shops with proper registration with the competent authority; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): As per `Report on Conditions of Work and Promotion of Livelihoods in the Unorganised Sector, 2007` by the National Commission for Enterprises in the Unorganised Sector (NCEUS), the number of street vendors varies from one city to another ranging from 1.5 to 2 lakhs in metropolis like Mumbai and Kolkata to 30,000 in small cities like Bhubaneshwar.

(b): Details are annexed.

(c)&(d): There is no proposal to enact a Central Law on the subject.